

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 261.86, the Iowa College Student Aid Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 20, “Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 20 describes the administration of the Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program. These amendments provide new definitions, ensure that late applications can be accepted for Guard members on active duty at the time of the application deadline, and renumber subrules as appropriate.

Interested persons may submit comments orally or in writing by 4:30 p.m. on November 15, 2013, to the Executive Director, Iowa College Student Aid Commission, 430 East Grand Avenue, Third Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1920; fax (515)725-3401.

The Commission does not intend to grant waivers under the provisions of these rules.

After analysis and review of this rule making, the Commission finds that there is no impact on jobs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 261.86 as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 332.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Renumber subrules **20.1(1)** to **20.1(6)** as **20.1(2)** to **20.1(7)**.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following new subrule 20.1(1):

20.1(1) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“*Federal active duty*” means military duty performed pursuant to orders issued under Title 10, United States Code, other than for training.

“*State-defined payment period*” means one of five payment terms and corresponding deadlines as defined by the college student aid commission.

ITEM 3. Amend renumbered subrule 20.1(2) as follows:

20.1(2) Guard member eligibility. A recipient must:

a. Be a resident of Iowa, as defined by the adjutant general of Iowa, and a member of an Iowa army or air national guard unit throughout each term for which the member receives benefits.

b. Have satisfactorily completed required guard training.

c. Have maintained satisfactory performance of guard duty.

d. Have applied to the adjutant general of Iowa for program eligibility by the established application deadline date(s). The adjutant general shall accept an application from an eligible member of the Iowa national guard who was on federal active duty at the time of an application deadline if the application is received within 30 days after the eligible member returns to Iowa from federal active duty. The applicant will be considered for funding for the state-defined payment period in which the application was received and any future state-defined payment periods in that academic year.

e. Be pursuing a certificate or undergraduate degree program at an eligible Iowa college or university and maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

f. Provide notice of national guard status to the college or university at the time of registration.